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EDWARD VIII

By the Grace of God, of Great Britain and Ireland and of the Dominions
beyond the seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.



Since the last issue of "The Goat" was published, the Empire has suffered an irreparable loss in the passing of our beloved Sovereign King George V. His late Majesty honoured the Royal Canadian Dragoons in nineteen hundred and eight, when as Prince of Wales, he became the first Honorary Colonel. Later, in nineteen hundred and twenty-one he conferred a further honour on the Regiment, becoming Colonel-in-Chief. Throughout the years the love and devotion displayed by all ranks for him has been tangible proof of how highly the Regiment cherished the honours he had bestowed on it. It is with the most profound sense of loss, and with deepest sorrow that the Royal Canadian Dragoons record the passing of their beloved Colonel-in-Chief.

The Editorial Staff wishes to thank R. Maurice Hill, Esq., for his many kind and interesting contributions to "The Goat." For many years, this well-known army historian has sent articles on military subjects, which have been not only interesting, but educational, and they have enabled readers of "The Goat" to glean much knowledge of Regimental Histories, customs and events.

It is through the kindness of "Mayfair" that we are able to publish the photographs of His Majesty King Edward VIII. and His Late Majesty King George V. The photograph of the late Brig.-General C. M. Nelles, C.M.G., is reproduced through the courtesy of the "Kennel and Bench."

We wish to acknowledge with thanks the following publications which were received during the last quarter:

- The Household Brigade Magazine.
- The Connecting File.
- The Canadian Veteran (Toronto Edition).
- IV.-VII. Dragoon Guards Regimental Magazine.
- The Journal of the 13th/18th Hussars.
- The Canadian Defence Quarterly.
- The Cavalry Journal.

Personal & Regimental



All ranks of the Royal Canadian Dragoons mourn the loss of Brig.-General C. M. Nelles, C.M.G., who died on February 14th, 1936, and extend their deepest sympathy to his bereaved relatives.

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Major N. Medhurst has been a frequent visitor to the Mess during the last quarter. Another of the ex-officers that we see is Gordon Myles, Esq., who occasionally drops in to call on the officers.

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Lieut. H. A. Phillips is now at Regina, where he is employed as G.S.O. 3.

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Captain and Mrs. C. C. Mann visited the Mess during the month of March.

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"The Goat" takes this opportunity to extend to Quarter-Master Sergeant Instructor J. MacLean, M.M., hearty congratulations on his appointment to Warrant Rank Class 1.

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Lieut. A. P. Ardagh has been attached to the Royal Scots Greys at Aldershot. At present he is taking a Gas Course, and on the completion of this he will proceed to Farnborough where he will be attached to the Royal Air Force.

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Major M. H. A. Drury is now in Egypt, where he is stationed with 1st The Royal Dragoons for three weeks, and will go later to the 11th Hussars for a similar period.

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Captain L. D. Hammond returned to Canada in February and visited the Barracks. Many of our readers will be glad to learn that he is contemplating taking up residence in this country.

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PPO. D. A. R. Bradshaw, R.C.A.F., was a welcome visitor to the Mess during the month of February. He is looking very fit, and is thoroughly at home among the clouds.

Lieut. D. Fauquier, P.L.D.G., is at present in the Isolation Hospital recovering from measles. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

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Lt.-Colonel R. S. Timmis, D.S.O., spent a few days in Brandon, Man., during March, where he was a judge at the Manitoba Winter Fair.

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Owing to the unfortunate demise of our Late Colonel-in-Chief, the Annual Officers' Re-union Dinner has been postponed until after the period of Court Mourning.

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"A" SQUADRON NOTES

We welcome to "A" Squadron the following recruits who have enlisted since our last issue was published: Tprs. L. R. Gariepy, J. Vachon, and R. C. Gillett.

Tpr. Therien, one of the local mechanics, has returned from London, Ontario, where he was studying the age old question "Why do cars run out of gas?"

We say "adieu" to Tprs. Paine, Noel, Deland, Grant, Madden, Bessette, Benshin, and Eagle, who have left the service during the past three months, and we wish them the best of luck in "civvy" life.

The longer we live, the more we learn: It has been determined that as a result of much scientific research on the part of one of our more enterprising and junior N.C.O.'s, that the reason our horses have hard mouths is not due to heavy hands as has been hitherto believed, but is due to the feeding of hot bran mash. In the interest of the service, shall this practice be discontinued?? Ask the horse.

During the month of March the Educational Classes and Examinations for the Army Special Army First Class and Army Second Class Certificates of Education were held at this Station; and to those who wish to try their powers of observation a fine chance to study faces and pick out the participants is offered. The earmarks to look for are very intelligent, or dazed expressions, and this will probably last until the results are made known.

SPORTS

INTER-TROOP AND PLATOON HOCKEY

LEAGUE, 1936.

The Inter-Troop and Platoon Hockey League was away to a good start this year, playing several games before Christmas, 1935. The Committee ruled that no player who played more than three games with a team entered in the City League should be eligible to play for his Troop or Platoon, and this naturally handicapped some of the teams, particularly insofar as the Troop teams were concerned. The teams comprising the League were 1st Troop, 2nd Troop, 3rd Troop, and two teams from the R.C.R. known as R.C.R. "A", and R.C.R. "B."

The strongest team in the league was the R.C.R. "B", who had four players who had played for the Garrison team of a year ago, but they met with plenty of opposition from 2nd Troop. The R.C.R. "A" and 1st Troop teams were well balanced aggregations, and made things hot for their opponents in every game played. 1st troop showed a bunch of new talent which by next season should be good enough to win this League, and with Sgt. "Titch" Boucher between the goal posts they gave a very good account of themselves.

3rd Troop, losing nine of their players through the new ruling of the Committee, were only able to field a weak team as a result, but they were a fighting bunch, and never gave up without a terrific struggle.

The teams were as follows:

1st Troop: Lieut. J. H. Larocque, Sgt. E. Boucher, Cpl. Lawrence, and Tprs. D. Marshall, D. Chapman, A. F. White, R. H. Cowan, A. H. Heymans, M. Rouleau, W. J. Doherty and R. Hoyle.

2nd Troop: L/Cpl. de Leseleuc, L/Cpl. Gell, Tprs. S. R. Smith, J. Ross, B. S. Lewis, S. A. Carter, W. Gregory, R. C. Haskett, J. Dunk and Tpr. A. Fournier, manager.

3rd Troop: Capt. C. C. Mann, Sgt. R. Blake, Tprs. R. Thérin, L/Cpl. R. I. Gallup, Tprs. W. J. White, W. E. H. Phillips and P. Sephton.

The results of games played were as follows:

"A" R.C.R.....2	1st Troop.....1
3rd Troop.....2	2nd Troop.....2
"B" R.C.R.....5	2nd Troop.....1
3rd Troop.....1	"A" R.C.R.....2
"A" R.C.R.....1	"B" R.C.R.....4
1st Troop.....7	3rd Troop.....1
1st Troop.....3	"B" R.C.R.....2
"A" R.C.R.....3	2nd Troop.....4
"B" R.C.R.....5	1st Troop.....3
2nd Troop.....5	1st Troop.....2
2nd Troop.....4	3rd Troop.....2
1st Troop.....0	"A" R.C.R.....6
"A" R.C.R.....2	3rd Troop.....0
2nd Troop.....1	"B" R.C.R.....4
"B" R.C.R.....4	"A" R.C.R.....1
2nd Troop.....1	"A" R.C.R.....2
1st Troop.....2	2nd Troop.....4

The final standing in the League was as under:

TEAM	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
R.C.R. "B"....	6	5	1	0	10
R.C.R. "A"....	8	5	3	0	10
2nd Troop.....	8	4	3	1	9
1st Troop.....	6	2	3	0	4
3rd Troop.....	6	0	5	1	1

The Squadron entered a team in the City League for the purpose of producing a good team, and not so much to win that League. Several "old timers" from previous years turned out, among whom was Cpl. Jewkes, Tprs. Carpenter, Young and C. Doherty, and with the balance of the team made up entirely of new material, we were considerably handicapped. Two games were played against "D" Coy. The R.C.R., the first being played during one of the worst blizzards in local history (all games are played on an outdoor rink), and ending in a 1-1 draw, but the second game resulted in a win for the Dragoons by a 5 to 1 score. This game was close for two periods, and by that time the "Drag" found a successful combination and the result was that Carpenter scored three times within five minutes to put the game on ice for the cavalymen.

A game was played against Lacolie, which resulted in a defeat by a three to two score. Thompson, on a pass from Galloway, and Lafontaine on a pass from Jewkes, scored the two goals for the locals, and the game was hard fought throughout, with neither side asking nor giving any quarter.

The team which played in the City League was as follows:

Tpt.-Maj. A. E. Galloway, Tpr. Young, Cpl. Jewkes (Captain), Tprs. Carpenter, Thompson, Estabrooks, Doherty C, L/Cpl. Hone, and L/Cpl. Morril

HIGHLIGHTS

Tpt.-Maj. A. E. Galloway turned out the First Troop team against the Third Troop, and scored four goals.

Tpr. White (Blinco) has been gunning for that star defence player on the 1st Troop team who wears a Maple Leaf Sweater. In fact, he "gunned" so well that he earned seven penalties.

L/Cpl. De Leseleuc (Dizzy) is trying to make himself a playing manager for Les Canadiens next season.

"Doc" Marshall is still using his "football brain" to score goals at hockey.

The famous goaltender of 3rd Troop, "The Shadow," Knows All, Sees All, and Stops Nothing.

Tpr. Rouleau (Roly) has developed into a real "Tiny" Thompson, and even scored two goals (on himself) in one game.

"B" SQUADRON NOTES

SPORTS

As we go to press, the Winter Sports Programme is completed, and winners have been declared in the Indoor Softball League, and the Garrison Hockey League. In the former, 2nd Troop after a disastrous start, made a splendid recovery to finish in 2nd place, and to defeat the 1st Troop, who had finished on top, three games to one, in a best out of five series for the League Championship. Largely instrumental in 2nd Troop's victory were Trooper P. Brett, Sergeant F. Nickle, and Tpr. H. G. Walton; the former for his valiant efforts to retrieve what appeared to be a lost cause, and the last two for their stellar play as battery mates in the all-important final series. The 1st Troop, after a very successful campaign during the League schedule, in which they never lost a game, faded in the final series, and after winning the 1st game 8 to 3, lost the next three to a greatly improved 2nd Troop team, and had to be content with second place. The other two teams, 3rd Troop and R.C.O.C., were forced to drop their remaining games, due to lack of players, and thus from mid-season on, it was a duel between 1st and 2nd Troop. The complete scores are given below, together with the final standing at the end of the League Schedule, and the scores in the play-off series.

1st Troop.....	11	2nd Troop.....	5
3rd Troop.....	8	R.C.O.C.....	7
1st Troop.....	8	3rd Troop.....	6
2nd Troop.....	9	1st Troop.....	9
2nd Troop.....	17	3rd Troop.....	5
1st Troop.....	15	2nd Troop.....	3

FINAL STANDING

	P.	W.	L.	T.	Pts.
1st Troop.....	4	3	0	1*	6
2nd Troop.....	4	1	2	1*	2
3rd Troop.....	3	1	2	0	2
R.C.O.C.....	1	0	1	0	1

*No points awarded for tie games.

PLAY-OFF SERIES

1st Troop.....	8	2nd Troop.....	3
2nd Troop.....	16	1st Troop.....	8
1st Troop.....	6	2nd Troop.....	14
2nd Troop.....	9	1st Troop.....	6

HOCKEY

The Garrison Hockey League resulted in the R.C.R. "A" team finishing in first place, with the R.C.D. "A" four points behind. The winning team played the entire schedule without losing a game, and in fact, in five games, had only five goals scored against them. In the final games, R.C.R. "A" defeated R.C.R. "B" by a score of 2 to 1, thereby making doubly sure of first place, which they had already won. The best game as far as the "Drags" were concerned was that between the two "Drag" teams, as there had been much controversy as to which was the better team, and the result left no doubt in the minds of most of those present. Going into the 2nd period one goal behind, due to a nice effort on the part of Kennedy, midway during the 1st Period, the "A's" played inspired hockey, and led by Mr. Fauquier, who incidently stood out in a class by himself, and who scored two quick goals to put his team ahead, the "A's" never lost control, and with Mr. Fauquier completing the "hat trick" in the third period, followed soon after by a goal from Coulis, a new-comer to Squadron hockey, the "A's" ended up on the long end of a 4 to 1 score. The "B's" tried hard to make the score closer, but their star players, Messrs. Kennedy and Mann, were checked every time they tried to break away, and with Messrs. Reilly, Ward, Douglass and McMurray playing a close checking game, the "A's" were kept off the score sheet after the 1st period. Webb, in goal for the "A's" played a great game, his coolness under fire being particularly noticeable. For the losers, Kennedy and Mann tried hard, and against an inferior defence would undoubtedly have scored many goals. Stuart and Walton also turned in fine performances, while Payne in goal for the "B" team could not be blamed for any of the goals which went by him. The game was clean and penalties were few, S/Instr. P. Godon, The R.C.R., handling the bell in his usual thorough and capable manner.

THE TEAMS

R.C.D. "A".—Corpl. Webb, goal; Sgt. Nickle and Tpr. Mills, defence; Tpr. E. Douglass, Tpr. V. Ward and Lieut. D. Fauquier, forwards.; Tpr. Reilly, Tpr. McMurray, Tpr. Cornell, and Tpr. Coulis, substitutes.

R.C.D. "B".—Tpr. Payne, goal; Cpl. Stafford and Tpr. Stuart, defence; Tpr. Mann, Tpr. Walton and Tpr. Kennedy, forwards; Cpl. Parker, Tpr. Berkin and Tpr. Avery, substitutes.

FINAL STANDING

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals		Pts.
					For	Agst.	
R.C.R. "A".....	5	5	0	0	24	5	10
R.C.D. "A".....	5	3	2	0	11	8	6
R.C.R. "B".....	5	2	2	1	12	4	5
R.C.D. "B".....	5	2	2	1	20	10	5
M.D. No. 2.....	5	2	3	0	6	17	4
R.C.O.C.....	5	0	5	0	8	37	0

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The following were the teams entered from Stanley Barracks:

- R.C.R. "A"—Robertson, goal; Gordon and Frape, defence; Nesbit, Yates and Wildfang, forwards; McDonnell, Brennen, Miller, Connors, Fellowes, Honnigger, substitutes.
- R.C.D. "A"—Webb, goal; Nickle and Mills, defence; Douglass, E. Ward and Mr. Fauquier, forwards; Reilly, McMurray, Coulis and Cornell, substitutes.
- R.C.R. "B"—McNamara, goal; Baker and Howie, defence; Simpson, Long and Hall, forwards; Klenavie, Russell, Pettigrew, Cole and Lamore, substitutes.
- R.C.D. "A"—Payne, goal; Stafford and Stuart, defence; Mann, Walton and Kennedy, forwards; Parker, Berkin and Avery, substitutes.

J.B.H.

R.C.D. 6 vs. SCOTS FUSILIERS (Kitchener) 1

On Saturday, February 29th, "B" Squadron sent a team to Kitchener to play the Scots Fusiliers of Canada. This was in answer to an invitation which had been received some time previously, but which it had been found impossible to accept at an earlier date. Accompanied by some twenty-five rabid hockey fans, the team left Toronto by bus at 1330 hrs. and arriving at Kitchener immediately repaired to the rink.

The game was scheduled to start at 1700 hrs., and it was five minutes later that the game actually got under way. After two minutes of play in the first period, the "Drags" front line of Mann, Reid and Kennedy, notched the first goal, with the former getting the goal, and the latter two being credited with assists. Mann's shot gave the Kitchener goalie no chance. Two minutes later, Reilly made it 2 to 0 for the Toronto team, and with the locals pressing hard, Reilly broke away, and scored again, making the score at the end of the first period read R.C.D. 3, S.F. of C. 0.

The second period provided plenty of thrills, with both teams showing strong defensive strength. After eleven minutes of play the combination of Kennedy to Mann again resulted in a score, Kennedy carrying the puck behind the Kitchener goal, and making a perfect pass to Mann, who made no mistake with his shot. Kitchener tried hard but had some very hard

luck, bad shooting preventing them from scoring in this period. Time and time again, they were right on top of Payne only to shoot wide, or to have the doughty Toronto goaltender outguess them.

With the third and final frame but a few minutes old, Ward rifled a hard shot at Schever, which completely fooled him, making it 5 to 0 for the Dragoons, and a few minutes later Kitchener entered the scoring column on a nice effort on the part of Johnson. This goal seemed to put new life into the Kitchener team, and for a few minutes they had things all their own way. However, the Dragoons soon settled down and played real hockey, and in a few minutes, they once again dominated the play, and after several close calls on both goal-tenders, Reid scored what proved to be the final goal of the game.

It was a good game to watch, and there can be no doubt that the better team won. The forward line of Mann, Reid and Kennedy was easily the most dangerous combination on the ice, and with Kennedy as the chief play maker, should have scored several more goals. Payne in goal turned in a fine game, kicking out the puck from all angles, with a coolness which would have done credit to any pro. Mr. Fauquier, while he was kept off the score sheet for the first time this season, was a tower of strength defensively, and was a dangerous man every time he had the rubber. Reilly, Ward and McMurray also turned in nice efforts, and Nickle, who played for almost the entire 60 minutes, aided greatly with his canny defensive tactics. For the losers, Hamilton and Johnston were the stars, while Schever in goal could not be blamed for the defeat, as he stopped what looked like sure goals on many occasions.

The teams: R.C.D.—Goal, Payne; Defence, Nickle and Smith; Forewards, Mann, Reid and Kennedy; Substitutes, Mr. Fauquier, Reilly, Ward, McMurray and Mills.

Kitchener: Goal, Schever; Defence, Hamilton and Potter; Forwards, Loreno, Barnes and Gatsey; Substitutes, Passel, Johnson and Loven.

Immediately after the game the teams adjourned to the Armouries, where they were treated to a banquet, followed later by a dance, at which everyone present enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The Toronto delegation left at

1230 hrs., and arrived back in Barracks at 0330 hrs. During their stay in Kitchener Mr. Charlie Meeker was constantly in attendance, making sure that everyone was happy and having a good time. During the game, he also led the cheering for the Dragoons.

"B" Sqn. R.C.D. 6, "B" Co'y The R.C.R. 3

The annual Inter-unit game for the Stanley Barracks Hockey Cup was played at Ravina Rink on Wednesday, March 11th, and resulted in a win for the Dragoons by the above score. The game was fast, and well played, and although feeling ran high on occasion, it was to be expected as this annual game has developed into a classic, and no effort is spared in obtaining a victory.

The Dragoons' victory was largely due to the playing of Galloway, Kennedy, Mann, and Mr. Fauquier, although it is difficult to single out any individual as being a star of the game. Kennedy with his clever play-making tactics, Mann with his rifle-like shot, and Galloway who had returned from St. Johns just in time for the game, are stars on any hockey team, while Mr. Fauquier, who always gives one the impression that he is playing under wraps, was a tower of strength defensively. At one stage of the game, with the Dragoons playing two men short, Reilly held the opposition at bay single handed, circling the rink several times, and always keeping the puck under control. From the time that Mann scored the first goal on a pass from Kennedy, in the first period, the result was never in doubt, the lightweight forward line of Kennedy, Mann and Reid completely outplaying their heavier opposition. The second line of Galloway, Ward and Reilly were also very effective, and in fact the changing of players never weakened the Dragoon team at any time. The R.C.R. were unfortunate in losing their "ace" defense player, Howie, in the first few minutes of play, but despite this obvious handicap, they played inspired hockey at times, but lacked finish around the goal. Payne in goal for the Dragoons rose to new heights, saving what looked like certain goals on many occasions. Lemore tied the score, taking a loose puck from inside the Dragoon defence and rifling a quick one past Payne, taking the custodian completely by surprise, but this only stirred the "Drago" to greater efforts, and a few minutes afterwards, Kennedy took the puck right in on top of Robertson, and then flicked a perfect

pass to Galloway, who made no mistake with his shot. Shortly after the second period started, Galloway staging another of his famous solo efforts, skated through the entire R.C.R. team, and scored a perfect goal, first drawing the R.C.R. goal-tender out of position. Less than four minutes afterwards, the same player again took the puck into the R.C.R. defence area, and made a perfect pass to Mr. Fauquier, who had followed in fast, and who beat Robertson with a hard shot that caught the top left hand corner of the net. After these two goals, the R.C.R. came to life, and threatened to get right back into the game. With Galloway off the ice due to an injury, the R.C.R. machine at last got working, and Nesbitt, who was easily the best player on the ice for the infantry, scored on a pass from Wildfang. Almost immediately afterwards Yates scored from a scramble in front of the goal, to make the score read R.C.D. 4, R.C.R. 3. Lemore then drew a three-minute penalty, and this seemed to turn the tide in the Dragoons' favour. With both teams playing a man short, Kennedy again made a perfect play to Mann, who again gave Robertson no chance to save. The R.C.R. continued to press, but Payne proved too much for them time and time again. Finally, Reilly and Galloway broke away fast, and with Galloway taking the pass, scored what proved to be the final goal of the game.

SUMMARY

1st Period	R.C.D. Mann (Kennedy).....	8.0
	R.C.R. Lemore.....	9.15
	Penalties: Frappe, Kennedy, Baker, Mann.	
2nd Period	R.C.D. Galloway.....	3.20
	R.C.D. Fauquier (Galloway)....	14.30
	Penalties: Mann, Simpson, Baker.	
3rd Period	R.C.R. Nesbitt (Wildfang).....	6.40
	R.C.R. Yates.....	7.15
	R.C.D. Mann (Kennedy).....	2.20
	R.C.D. Galloway (Reilly).....	5.40
	Penalties: Smith, Lemore (3 mins.) Mann, Reilly.	
Shots on goal	R.C.D.—12, 11, 9—total.....	32
	R.C.R.— 9, 9, 14—total.....	32

THE TEAMS

R.C.D.: Goal, Payne; Defence, Nickel and Mr. Fauquier; Forwards, Kennedy, Reid and Mann; Substitutes, Ward, Galloway, Reilly, Mills and Smith.
R.C.R.: Goal, Robertson; Defence, Baker, Howie; Forwards, Lemore, Long and Cole; Substitutes, Nesbitt, Wildfang, Hall, Simpson, Pettigrew and Yates.

ANNUAL BILLIARDS MATCH

On Friday, March 13th, a team of six billiards players from Stanley Barracks visited the St. Johns (Garrison) Church Men's Club to play the Annual Match for the Rector's Cup. This

Trophy was presented for annual competition between the Stanley Barracks Recreation Club, and the St. Johns' Men's Club by the late Reverend Russell MacLean, one time vicar of the St. Johns' Garrison Church, and as a result of the evenings' play the team from Barracks retain possession of the trophy for another year. The competition consisted of six matches of one hundred, with total points for the six games to count, and the keenness of the competition can well be imagined when it is realized that the Barracks' team won by a mere twenty-three points.

The first game brought together Corpl. T. L. Horan, The R.C.R., and Mr. G. L. Hutcheson, and after a rather bad start due to the fact that he was playing on a strange table, Horan came from behind to win by a score of one hundred to eighty-eight. Trooper E. Butler followed against Mr. W. West, and although his opponent scored seventeen before he made a point, Butler soon had the game well in hand, and running off breaks of twenty-two, twenty-one (twice), and nineteen, he won handily, leaving his opponent sixty-five points behind. This gave the local team a lead of seventy-seven going into the third game. Trooper G. L. Norman and Mr. W. Lambert next took the table, and after a very close game, in which first one and then the other player took the lead, Mr. W. Lambert scored the first win for the St. Johns' Club by a score of one hundred to eighty-one, reducing the Barracks' lead to fifty-eight, with three games to come.

The game between Pte. H. Nesbitt, The R.C.R., and Mr. F. West, was perhaps the closest of the six games played. Although trailing by as much as twenty points on one occasion, Nesbitt, by playing very carefully not only overcame the lead but went on to win by twelve points. Corpl. C. F. Simpkins, The R.C.R., then took the table against Mr. H. Thorpe, and after a ding-dong struggle, emerged the victor, also by twelve points. This left the Barracks' team with a lead of eighty-two points, with one game to complete. One of their team being unable to attend at the last minute, a substitution was made, with Cpl. J. B. Harrison taking the table against Mr. J. Mackintosh, and although beaten rather badly, he managed to score the necessary points to assure his team of a victory. The final score in this game was one hundred to forty-one in favour of Mr. Mackintosh.

After the match had been played, the teams adjourned to the dining hall where a buffet supper was served. A vote of thanks was tendered to the St. Johns' Club, for a very enjoyable evening, and it is intended to make efforts to have the Match played next year in Stanley Barracks.

SUMMARY

Corpl. T. Horan, R.C.R.	100	vs.	Mr. G. L. Hutcheson	88
Tpr. E. Butler	100	vs.	Mr. W. West	35
Tpr. G. L. Norman	81	vs.	Mr. W. Lambert	100
Pte. H. Nesbitt, R.C.R.	100	vs.	Mr. F. West	88
Corpl. G. Simpkins, R.C.R.	100	vs.	Mr. H. Thorpe	88
Corpl. J. B. Harrison	41	vs.	Mr. J. Mackintosh	100
	522			499

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Corpl. Sigm. F. R. Parker has been conducting a Provisional School of Signals at Dundas, Ontario, and returned to Toronto on March 28th, reporting a very successful School.

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L/Corpl. W. A. Knights is at present in London, Ontario, taking a Driving Course. Previous to this, he took the Mechanics Course on M.T.

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L/Corpl. C. W. Smith has left "B" Squadron to assume the duties of assistant Riding Instructor at the Riding Establishment, Royal Military College of Canada, Kingston, Ontario.

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We extend hearty congratulations to Trooper and Mrs. Philip Brett, to whom was born a daughter, Shirley Anne, on January the twenty-third.

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Congratulations are also extended to Cpl. J. B. Harrison, and to Tpr. H. G. Walton, who qualified as Regimental Signallers at the Annual Classification of Signallers in December, 1935.

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During the past three months we bade "adieu" to Tprs. J. H. Douglass, and P. J. Stratton who have left the service. We wish them the best of luck, and trust that we may hear from them occasionally.

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We welcome to "B" Squadron Troopers A. T. B. Coulis and H. W. Parker, who were enlisted during the past quarter.

Congratulations are extended to Corpl. (O.R.C.) W. C. Hare, on the occasion of his recent promotion to that rank.

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The many friends of Trooper C. Alderson will learn with regret that "Jock" has been transferred from Christie Street Hospital to the Mountain Sanatorium, at Hamilton, Ontario. The Barracks does not seem the same without the "Oulde Sod," and we wish him the best of luck and an early return to Duty.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES ST. JOHNS, QUE.

At 1300 hrs. on New Year's Day, Lt.-Col. E. L. Caldwell, accompanied by Captain J. Wood and Captain C. C. Mann, paid a visit to the Mess, and wished the members and Honorary Members present the compliments of the season.

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Tpt.-Maj. A. E. Galloway arrived in St. Johns from Toronto, Ontario, near the end of January to give the "A" Squadron Trumpeters a course of "How not to blow a horn." "Arthur" came well prepared, as he brought along his fur hat although it still smelled strongly of moth balls. The course concluded during the first week of March, and the Trumpet-Major was in such a hurry to return that he even had his farewell dinner over the stove in the Mess kitchen.

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QMSI. J. Hallet and Sergt. R. J. Hider left St. Johns to report to the Ford Motor Company in Montreal for a course of instruction on M.T.

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Congratulations are extended to Sergt./Instr. R. Blake on the occasion of his recent promotion to the Instructional Cadre.

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The Members of the Mess extend their deepest sympathy to the family of the late Mr. W. H. Allen. "Old Henry", as he was known to us, will be missed by everyone in Barracks. He had been an Honorary Member of the Mess for over forty years.

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SSM. T. Sheehy, Sgt./Instr. R. Blake and Sgt. W. Jewkes will attend courses of instruction at the Canadian Small Arms School this coming summer.

Congratulations are extended to SSMT. F.W. Harding, who was recently awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Military).

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Congratulations are also extended to Sergt. J. McKenzie, "D" Coy., The R.C.R., and to Sergt. H. Guthro, 4th Det., R.C.E., on their recent promotions.

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A delegation from the Mess was entertained by the Leriche National Breweries Ltd., in Montreal on Saturday, January 4th.

The party of six members was composed of the following : S/Sgt. R. Britt, Sergeants R. Blake, R. J. Hider, W. Jewkes, Sergt. H. Bond, The R.C.R., and Q.M.S. Stanton, R.C.E. Leaving the Mess at 1615 hrs. they were driven to Montreal by Mr. "Eddie" Menard, under whose able guidance they arrived at the Queens' Hotel, Montreal, at 1700 hrs., making the trip in forty-five minutes, which was considered very good travelling in view of the condition of the roads.

They were met at the hotel by Mr. Lesperance, Assistant Manager of the Leriche Natl. Breweries, and were immediately conducted to the Saloon Bar to slake their thirsts. After several bottles of the famous White Cap had passed the way of all good liquor, they were taken to the dining room where they partook of a banquet of such epicurean art as has seldom been encountered in Military circles, and which would have satisfied the most fastidious gourmet.

After dinner, they proceeded to the Forum to witness the hockey game between "Les Canadiens" and the Boston "Bruins," which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, the score ending in a two-all tie.

The Members of the Mess who made the trip take this opportunity of thanking the Leriche National Breweries Ltd., and especially their two efficient, courteous and sociable representatives, Messrs. Menard and Lesperance, for an extremely enjoyable evening.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES—TORONTO

Once again the notes of This and That are presented for your perusal, and we hope they please you.

The untimely death of our beloved King, and Colonel-in-Chief, has curtailed social activities in the Mess, and consequently we have to rely on other sources of news. There will be no Annual Ball this year, and we know that our many friends will be in accord with this decision.

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The following members of the Mess who served under the late Brigadier C. M. Nelles, C.M.G., attended the funeral ceremonies of their former Commanding Officer, at Niagara-on-the-Lake, on February 18th.

RSM. F. Wardell, D.C.M.

QMSI. J. MacLean, M.M.

SMA. A. F. Madden.

RQMS. A. Hilton.

QMSI. J. King.

SSMI. J. Copeland, D.C.M.

QMS. F. Oliver.

SQMS. M. J. Gilmore.

Sergt. J. P. Martin.

Sergt. J. Y. MacDonald.

Sergt. J. Siggins.

Mr. F. Ackerman.

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Tpt.-Maj. "Art" Galloway has been in St. Johns, Que., conducting a School for Trumpeters, and reports the weather very cold in the "country Squadron."

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SSMI. J. Copeland, D.C.M., underwent a minor operation in February, and we are glad to report that he is now fully recovered, and is back on the job looking as fit as ever.

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We extend congratulations to S/Instr. F. A. "Pinky" Green and Sergt. D. K. Hendry on the occasion of their recent confirmation in those ranks.

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Congratulations are also extended to Sergt. and Mrs. F. L. Nickle, to whom the stork presented a fine baby girl. Welcome to our big family, Edith Joan.

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WINTER BRIDAL AT ST. CATHARINES

The marriage took place on Saturday, February 29th, 1936, in Memorial Church, St. Catharines, Ontario, of Evelyn I., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gordon Johnston, to Sergeant John Edward Martin, Royal Canadian

Dragoons, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin, Port Colborne, Ontario. Rev. Russell O'Brien officiated, and Mrs. Wiley Wilson, presided at the organ. Spring flowers and palms were grouped at the pulpit, and the guest pews were marked with large bows of white satin and tulle.

Mr. Daniel Seigler, of Toronto, was the groomsmen, and the ushers were Mr. James Swan, of Hamilton, and Mr. Jack Cooper. A reception was held following the ceremony, at the Homestead Inn.

Sergeant and Mrs. Martin will take up residence on Dunn Ave., in Toronto, Ontario. The members of the Mess extend hearty congratulations to the happy pair, and a cordial welcome to this charming addition to our ladies.

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All active and Honorary Members of the Mess will learn with pride of the appointment to Warrant Rank, Class 1, of SMI. J. MacLean, M.M., effective January the first. Sergeant-Major MacLean enlisted in the Regiment in 1914, and has served continuously since that time. Returning to Toronto after the Great War, during which he distinguished himself, and was awarded the Military Medal, his promotion was as rapid as it was deserving. From Sergeant in 1919, he was promoted S.Q.M.S. and R.Q.M.S. within a year, and served from 1920 to 1929 in the latter capacity, and was posted to the Instructional Cadre as Quarter-Master Sergeant Instructor. He is in possession of the Military Medal, General Service and Victory Medals, and the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Military). His numerous friends will, we feel sure, join all members of the Mess in extending the most hearty congratulations to this fine old soldier and gentleman.

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Staff-Sgt. F. Sturgess and Sergt. "Sam" Lee are at present patients in Christie Street Hospital, and we wish them an early recovery and return to their duties at Stanley Barracks.

FOILED BUT FREE

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THE CLUE OF THE CLATTERING TIN

The Feast of Saint Claws had been right royally celebrated by the Men of Horse. For days "Wassail All" had been the cry, full many a flagon of rich brown ale had been quaffed, while

countless turkeys, roasted whole and stuffed with rare spices had been eaten, so that ere long the Men were filled to the full, and with throbbing heads, and full stomachs, they were prone to take refuge in deep slumber. Within the Fort, therefor, and ere nightfall, no sound could be heard, as the long rooms were filled with sleeping men, them lying as they fell, and in rare stupor. Even the Men of the Watch to whose care and vigilance depended the safety of their famous steeds, were stiff in their boots, and with befuddled senses, slept on the straight hard boards in the Watch Room, dreaming the while of brimming flagons of sweet brown ale, and of comely wenches a'serving them.

As the hands of the Great Clock neared midnight, there crept into the Fort a man with foul intent, an alien, a very robber. Stealthily and with great cunning he picked his way across the Square on feet enwrapped in soft leather, the better to muffle their tread, and entered the Great Hall, where for years the Men of Horse had been wont to sup. Closing the door with as little noise as a snowflake falling upon many snowflakes, he hied himself to a large oaken chest which stood boldly in one corner of the Great Hall, and in which lay the many Cups, Chalice and Trophies, booty of the Men of Horse, and mute evidence of their skill, bravery and prowess, in the field of battle, at the Games, and in the Lists. Groping inside with one hand, the while his eagle eye searched the Hall for a Guard whom he suspected might be concealed in the masses of holly and hemlock which adorned the walls, he carefully removed the silver pieces, and placed them in a large bag, until anon, the Great Chest lay barren. With a mighty heave he threw the bag on to his broad back, and his feet still making not a sound he left the Great Hall. Ere one could say "Hola," he found himself in a lane between two buildings of wood, and making his way thither, he stopped of a sudden, and a volley of oaths poured from his thick unshaven lips. He had come to a high fence, the top of which was beyond his reach. "Ten thousand curses," he muttered to himself, "am I then to be robbed of my spoil, and all for a fence of stout wire? Nay, an' God rot me, I think not." And taking a firm grip on the neck of the bag, he swung it three times around his head at arms length, and with a whispered "Yoiks and Over," he threw it over the fence.

The Men of the Watch as has already been related, were thick in their heads, and their minds had become dulled from too much ale. Groaning in their sleep, they lay as if death had struck them unseen. Howsomever, as a loud clattering as of many tins being shaken rent the stillness of the night, two of them leapt to their feet, panic-stricken, and groping for their arms. Quoth the one "Odds Bodkins, but what think ye made yon clatter?" "Alas and Alack" replied his comrade, "I know not, but me-thinks that the good Saint Claws himself is this night a'prowl. Let us then bestir ourselves and see what lieth without, for an harm come to any of the steeds which sleep in yon stable, the Great One will indeed be chary of mercy toward us." So saying, the Men of the Watch buckled on their breastplates and the one carrying a stout staff used to mix the thick stew which they were wont to feed their steeds, and the other grasping a poker of wrought iron, they ventured forth into the night, boldly, and with a brave front.

Scarce a sling-shot's distance away lay the bag, the trophies all spilled around on the snow, many of which were bent and broken. Even as they looked, their eyes big with the wonder of it, there came to their dulled senses the sound of running feet. Said the one, John Sneepe, "Damme, Comrade, but methinks that a foul deed has this night been done. Look yonder and speak of what thou seest." His comrade, Norm Poop, looked long and well. Quoth he at last: "In very truth it is as thou sayest. Yonder lie the fruits of a felony, and by my beard yon cups look mighty akin to the trophies which for years have lain in the Great Hall as a testimony to our prowess. But, what to do? Then said Sneepe: "Bestir thyself thou dolthead. An we show haste, mayhap we may yet catch the miscreant evidence of whose foul deed lie yonder. To the Chase." And with loud cries of "A Rascal, A Thief, and A Robber," they hurried outside. There in the snow, they perceived the massive footprints of the robber, and so large were they that for a moment they held back, a nameless fear gripping their hearts. "S'Death," muttered Sneepe, "In God's Name, what manner of man or beast hast been along yon trail?" "Zounds," quoth Poop, "Art thou then nought but a chicken livered youngling, that thou standest there, with mouth agape, fish-like? Come, there is need for action, and that right

speedily. Let us away in hot pursuit lest it be said of us in mocking tones "Poop and Sneep have failed the Test," and with these words he clutched his staff, and ran, followed at a safe distance by Sneep. Coming on to the Great Square they perceived their quarry in desperation and vainly trying to enter a closed doorway. Seeing him thus, and noting his small stature, Sneep, ever the fleetest of foot, was soon within hailing distance. Shouting as he ran "Give way, villain," he soon had the robber by the heels. Him, seeing that his end was not far distant, became meekness itself, and with cringing step he came forward muttering to himself the while "Cursed and Thrice Cursed indeed am I, for on this day, the Feast of Saint Claws, the Patron Saint of all robbers and thieves, have I verily been undone. Oh, Alack and Alas, Woe, Woe indeed is miserable me." Hearing these doleful words, and noting with satisfaction how an arrogant robber had indeed become an humble and penitent sinner, Sneep and Poop were filled with a great jubilation, and eagerly they plied the robber with questions. But, 'neath his cringing and humble attitude, the robber was made of sterner stuff, and he stoutly shook his head saying "Nay, an thou put me to the torture, yet will I have none of what thou sayest." Whereupon in great heat, and with his face all a'purple with his rage, Sneep shouted angrily "Away with him. Enough of such bandying of words. To the Dungeon with the knave. Call the sentinels of the Peace, an we lock him up, 'gainst their coming." In a trice, Poop had clapped irons on his prisoner, and anon he was hustled into the Strong Room with little ceremony, the while a fleet runner was dispatched with all haste to the Sentinels of the Peace. They coming, the robber was handed over to them.

A day and a half passed, and for the nonce, the names of Sneep and Poop were spoken with the utmost civility. Much praise was their lot, and of them was it said "In very truth can they be termed 'Men of the Watch,'" and "They who sleep not," while they, with becoming modesty, altho' their hearts were warmed by such fine words, answered saying "Nay, we but did our Duty."

Anon came the day when the robber was hailed before the Wise One. Clad in their finest raiment, Sneep and Poop hied themselves to the

place of Justice, and there laid their case before the Wise One. Hearing them, and noting that a small chalice had been found among the effects of the robber he quoth "S'Death and Marry Me. Meanest thou that yon thief did enter the Hall of the Fort merely to rob it of yon animated egg-cup?" "Nay, Sire," spake the robber ere he could be forestalled, "Many other cups of silver were there, ay, and many times the size of yon goblet were they," and he related how he had lost his booty by tossing the bag over the high fence, thereby rousing the Men of the Watch, with such dire results to himself. Said the Wise One, "In very truth art thou a villain, and richly deserving of stern punishment. A moment, an I search the Book of Judgment for a fitting price that thou shalt pay." Hearing these dire words, Sneep and Poop, their conscience striking them a telling blow, spoke as with one voice, saying: "Worthy Sire, punish him not, for a chance of escape we gave him freely, only to have him spurn our offer, and to spit in our faces." Quoth the Wise One, "May I rot if I be wrong. Here indeed is strange talk. Meanest thou then that yon varlet was brought hither in order that thou might plead for him? Speak fast lest thou also be deserving of punishment." Their knees beating a merry tattoo, and with their mouths all dry, then spake Sneep and Poop saying "Nay, Sire, we did but bargain with him thus. An he return to the Great Hall, and remove the priceless art treasures which adorn the walls, and he gather up his booty, to which we would add for good measure the mighty time-piece which hangs high on the wall but which runneth not, we would free him right speedily, and fortified by such meat and drink as is available to the Men of the Watch, he could go forth, in very truth, a free man. But of this bargain he would have none of, for why, I wot not, and thus we handed him over to the Sentinels of the Peace. Whereas O Wise One, it is our wish that he be punished not." Hearing these words, and spoken in so brave a manner, the Wise One marvelled, saying: "By the sacred She Goat's nine kids born as one, but 'tis strange pleading that ye give me. Howsomever, since it is written that 'Justice shall be meted with a goodly measure of Mercy,' and sith thou hath pleaded with such candour, haply I will grant thy request," and turning to the felon he said "Get thee from hence, and for twelve moons and

more rob and thief not, neither molest the honest citizen, for an thou dost, then in very truth shall thou be punished, ay, and punished threefold, lest thou again covet thy neighbour's silver." The robber, hearing these words, waxed exceeding joyful, flinging up his arms, and leaping the while from one foot to the other as he shouted "Grammercy to thee, Oh Wise One, and Grammercy to thee also, Sneep and Poop. Praise be to the Saint of Claws, for he has this very day shown himself to be a very Guardian saint to this poor sinner." And turning to Sneep and Poop, he continued: "An thou wishest a rare jewel, a piece of silver, or some fine silks, thou but hast to ask it of me, and thine it is," and with these words he hastened out, and was never again seen by mortal man.

Sneep and Poop, much gratified by the result of their plea, returned to the Fort, where their comrades, having heard the tidings again spoke of them in glowing terms, the while they pledged them deep with flagons of strong ale, saying the one to the other "In very truth has it been said that 'The Strong Man is Strong in Mercy as well as in the Stomach.'"

"Bland."

News Item.—McDonald, no address, was placed on probation for one year when he pleaded guilty in City Court to a charge of breaking into the Men's Mess at Stanley Barracks and stealing a quantity of silver cups and trophies. All the articles stolen were recovered. —(Taken from a Toronto Daily Newspaper).



Veteran of two wars, and a prominent Canadian Militiaman, Brig.-Gen. C. M. Nelles, C.M.G., aged 72, died in the Cottage Hospital at Niagara-on-the-Lake on February 14th, 1936.

General Nelles, born at Nelles Corners, near Brantford, had a distinguished military career. He joined the Royal Canadian Dragoons in 1896, and went to South Africa as Adjutant of the 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles, in the Boer War.

From 1906 to 1912 he commanded "A" Squadron R.C.D., at St. Johns, P.Q. He took

over command of the R.C.D. in Toronto, Ont. and went overseas with the 1st Contingent C.E.F., in command of the Dragoons, serving with them in the field until 1917, when he was made Officer Commanding the Cavalry Depot at Shorncliffe Barracks, Folkestone, England. He was created a Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in 1915.

After the Great War General Nelles returned to Toronto and re-organized the Regiment. He retired in 1920 to his home at Niagara-on-the-Lake, later serving that town as Mayor.

He was founder and for twelve years was President of the Board of Governors of the hospital in which he died. A man of wide interests the General was former President of the Ontario Hospitals Association, President of the Ontario Board of the Canadian Kennel Club, President of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Conservative Association, Vice-President of the Lincoln County Humane Society, and President of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Club. He was also a member of the Toronto Men's Club, the Niagara Falls Country Club, and the St. Catharines Riding and Driving Club.

Throughout his service he was one of the most outstanding officers the regiment ever had. During his retirement he was most active among the R.C.D. Old Comrades' activities, and his passing is a most heartfelt blow to the Regiment of which he was so proud.

"The Goat" joins all ranks of the Regiment in extending most heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved relatives.

OLD COMRADES' NOTES

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR GENERAL NELLES

On Tuesday, February 18th, 1936, representatives from the Royal Canadian Dragoons proceeded to Niagara-on-the-Lake to attend the funeral of Brig.-General C. M. Nelles, C.M.G. The party was composed entirely of officers and men who had served under the General, and consisted of the following: Lt.-Colonel R. S. Timmis, D.S.O.; Major W. Baty, Major N. Medhurst, Colonel W. Rhoades, D.S.O., Captain G. F. Bertreau, Mr. F. Ackerman, R.S.M., F. Wardell, D.C.M., SMI. J. MacLean, M.M., SSML. J. King, RQMS. A. Hilton, SSML. J. Copeland, D.C.M., SMA. A. F. Madden, QMS. F. Oliver, SQMS. M. J. Gilmore, Sergeants J. Y. MacDonald, J. P. Martin, J. Siggins and with Trumpeter E. J. Reilly, left Stanley Barracks at 0925 hrs. The driver of the bus, Mr. A. Gaizey had also served under General Nelles. The weather was very cold and recent heavy snowfalls added to the uncertainty of their arrival and made necessary the early start. Arriving at Oakville, the bus broke down and the entire party including the driver, were transferred to another bus. Arriving at Niagara-on-the-Lake, the party at once proceeded to the Canadian Legion, where hot coffee was ready for them. After stopping for ten minutes, the party proceeded to the home of General Nelles and filed past the bier, later accompanying the hearse to the Church. Honorary pall-bearers included Lt.Col. R. S. Timmis, D.S.O., present Commanding Officer of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Col. W. Rhoades, D.S.O., Major W. Baty, Major N. Medhurst, Captain G. F. Bertreau and Major Hilton Wilkes. Active Pall-bearers were QMSI. J. MacLean, M.M., SMA. A. F. Madden, SSML. J. King, SSML. J. Copeland, D.C.M., QMS. F. Oliver, Sergt. J. Y. MacDonald and Sergt. J. P. Martin. At the conclusion of the ceremony Trumpeter E. J. Reilly sounded "Last Post," and "Reveille." Brigadier W. H. P. Elkins, C.B.E., D.S.O., and Colonel F. Logie Armstrong, O.B.E., represented Military District No. 2, and the chief mourner was Mr. C. M. Nelles, a nephew of the General.

Immediately after the ceremony the party embussed for Toronto, and were held up for over

an hour near St. Catharines when their bus overturned in trying to avoid a heavy drift. Major Hilton Wilkes eventually obtained a tow truck from St. Catharines and during the wait, the party assisted other cars who were in difficulties. The bus arrived at Stanley Barracks at 2015 hrs.

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Owing to the lamentable death of our Late Sovereign, the Annual Old Comrades' Association Smoker has been postponed to a later date.

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The many friends of Mr. T. L. (Bunny) Hobbs will be glad to learn that he has secured a permanent position and is employed as a chauffeur.

WHAT OF CAVALRY ?

In the January issue of the Cavalry Journal, Lt.-Col. T. Preston, M.C., concludes in his eighth article, his most interesting and instructive History of the Cavalry in France in 1918.

He concludes thus: "One final word. It may or may not be true to say that we should have defeated the Germans just the same in the Autumn of 1918, even without cavalry. But it is certainly true that, had it not been for the same cavalry, there would have been no Autumn advance at all, for the Germans would have defeated us in the Spring."

This refers to the rear guard action of the Cavalry in March and April, and to the final stand of the 2nd and 3rd Cavalry Divisions, 8 kilometres west of Amiens, and the British advance led by the Canadian Cavalry Brigade on March 30th, and April 1st.

In the same Journal is a review of a book entitled "The British Cavalry in France, March and April, 1918," by Captain Hermann Zimmerman, German Cavalry. Captain Zimmerman has the highest praise for the British Cavalry and makes it quite clear that the Cavalry in those ten strenuous days stopped the Germans from defeating the Allies. He says in part "Amiens lost, and the war is lost," was the general opinion of the Allies. Field Marshal Earl Haig wrote "Without the mounted troops it would have been impossible to prevent the enemy breaking through." Captain Zimmerman decries the fact that our cavalry was used so much at dismounted work, when they were needed mounted, and that the 4th Bde. M.G. Sqn. men handling their ammunition, causing

much delay; "the Canadians by the way, kept their munition pack horses with them."

And again "It took the Brigades two hours to occupy their positions at Bois de Frieres. On horseback this could have been done in half an hour."

Of the British Cavalry dismounted, he says: "When attacked in front it never broke, and only

withdrew when the infantry on its flanks had gone, and they were ordered back." And again "Reconnaissance work done by Cavalry was excellent, whereas that by aircraft proved inadequate."

This book is a great tribute to British Cavalry and we agree with the Cavalry Journal that it should be published in English. R.S.T.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Office of the Commissioner,
Ottawa.

March 2nd, 1936.

My Dear Smith:

Your letter dated February 28th has been received and in reply it is desired to say that in my opinion the journal of the Royal Canadian Dragoons should not be known by a nickname.

The Regimental Crest of the Royal Canadian Dragoons was given to it for the Regiment's distinguished service in the South African War, and a Springbok was chosen as being one of the best known of the South African antelope. The name "Goat" conveys nothing to the average person of today, but if "Springbok" was used, the public generally would associate the name of the journal with the Crest, and with the service of the Regiment in South Africa.

As an old member of the Regiment, I would very much like to see the name of the journal changed either to "The Springbok" or "Royal Canadian Dragoons Quarterly." Of the two, I think the former is preferable.

With best wishes and congratulations upon the great improvement noticeable recently in your publication.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) J. H. MACBRIEN.

304 St. George Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Jan. 8th, 1936.

The Editor,

"The Goat,"

Stanley Barracks,

Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re the paragraph in "Bytown Bits" of last issue of "The Goat," you invite opinions on the subject of the title of the Regimental Journal.

The Springbok is a special badge, bestowed on the Regiment for commendable service in South Africa. To uphold the traditions of recent history, it is only fit and proper to call the Regimental Journal "The Springbok."

To designate the title "Goat" belies the badge which was meant to represent a South African antelope, or Springbok, a most graceful little antelope (a Bok), and not classed with the Goats (Capra).

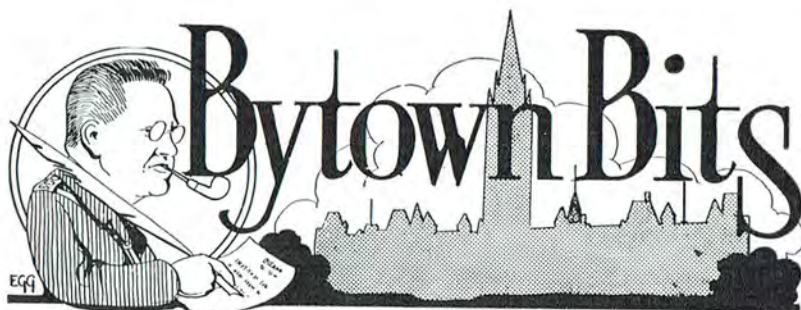
On the previous cover of the Regimental Journal, an animal was represented which is nothing like a Springbok, but it was a contraption between a Goat and a Jack Rabbit; so I suggest some wag said "Let's call our Journal 'The Goat.'" So the illustration is a pun and a parody, but not a Springbok.

For the badge there was more than one die struck, but only one was any good. In London, in 1914, some of us bought a few of these that were left at the outfitters. They were in bronze and were soon snapped up. The draughtsman who made the dies most likely had never seen a Springbok.

The only other units which have the Springbok as a badge are two infantry Battalions, that use the head only, and one that used the whole body. They *are* like the animal.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) THOMAS D. MASEY



PARLIAMENT OPENS.—With all the usual flare and flourish the first occasion of the new Parliament got under way on February 6th. The P.L.D.G. provided an escort under the command of Captain P. D. Holt, and the Gunners and G.G.F.G. also added to the ceremony that was sadly toned down this year. The State Dinner and the Drawing Room were both cancelled owing to the period of Court Mourning.

RED CHEVRON DINNER.—The Annual Dinner of the Red Patch Association will be held at the Chandlers Golf Club on April 17th. This Club is composed of those who are entitled to wear this coveted decoration.

PATRICIA CLUB DINNER.—The Annual Dinner of the Patricia Club of Ottawa was held in the Chateau Laurier on March 1st. This Club consists of those who served with the P.P.C.L.I. during the late war. The President of the Club, Mr. A. A. McGrory, M.M., was in the chair and among the greetings received was one from Colonel Hamilton Gault, D.S.O., who raised the Regiment.

TO COMMAND HIGHLANDERS.—Lient.-Colonel Guy S. Macfarlane, M.C., the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa, has announced his retirement, and he will be succeeded by Major G. Harold Rogers, the present 2nd in command. Major Rogers enlisted with the 38th Ottawa Regiment for overseas service and was granted a commission after the Vimy show. He later went to the Royal Air Force, and flew both in England and France. His uncle, Colonel S. Maynard Rogers, formerly commanded the 43rd D.C.O.R., of which the Highlanders are the continuing unit. His father, Mr. G. H. Rogers, was also a member of that unit.

CAVALRY CLUB FORMS.—Ottawa now has a Cavalry Club. A number of members of the former Canadian Cavalry Brigade met recently and decided that step. The membership is open

to those who were with the C.C.B., or with British Cavalry during the late war, those who served with C.M.R. units, or those who served with the C.E.F., or B.E.F., in France or in any theatre of war and have since joined either the Canadian Cavalry or the R.C.M.P. The first President, is Lient.-Col. W. A. Blue, formerly P.L.D.G., who served with the R.C.D., the secretary is N. B. Wiggin, late R.C.H.A. The executive committee is composed of Major W. Doxey, R.C.D.; Douglas Epton, R.C.D.; W. Thatcher, L.S.H. (R.C.); Geo. King, R.C.D.; Captain R. J. Brown, R.C.D., and L. S. H., is the vice-president and the treasurer is Staff Sergt. R. J. Bowen, R.C.M.P.

BRIGADE MAJOR.—Major Austin O'Connor, V.D., The Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa, is to be brigade major of the 8th Infantry Brigade in succession to Major Rex Cosh, who rejoins his unit.

CEREMONIAL.—The Ottawa Garrison were called upon for several duties in connection with the much lamented death of his late Majesty, George V. The P.L.D.G. furnished an escort to His Excellency the Governor-General on the day of the State Funeral. It was under the command of Major G. S. Macpherson. Units of the Permanent Force paraded to Parliament Hill, whilst the salute of one hundred and one guns was fired by the 1st Brigade, C.F.A.

KING GEORGE V. AND OVERSEA DOMINION REGIMENTS

Besides being Colonel-in-Chief of various regiments recruited from the British Isles and of units of the Indian Army, our late King held a similar position in respect to certain units of the Forces of the Oversea Dominions.

One of these Overseas units having the honour of Royal patronage was the Auckland Mounted Rifles of New Zealand, a regiment with service in South Africa, Gallipoli, Egypt and Palestine to its credit. The Auckland Mounted Rifles are allied with the 3rd Kings' Own Hussars. The late King was also Colonel-in-Chief of a New Zealand infantry regiment, The Canterbury Regiment, a regiment with an impressive array of Battle Honours for the Boer War and the Great War, among which "Anzac" and "Hindenburg Line" stand out prominently. The Canterbury Regiment is allied with the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment and the Durham Light Infantry.

King George V. was also Colonel-in-Chief of two regiments of the Canadian Army, The Royal Canadian Dragoons and the Royal Canadian Artillery. It was on the 12th of December, 1908, that His Late Majesty, who was then Prince of Wales, honoured the Royal Canadian Dragoons by becoming their first Honorary Colonel, a position which His Majesty retained until April 4th, 1921, when he became Colonel-in-Chief. The uniform of the Royal Canadian Dragoons is the same as that of their allied English regiment, the 1st The Royal Dragoons: scarlet, facings blue, plume black. The late King was also Colonel-in-Chief of the 1st The Royal Dragoons, thus making another link in the chain of alliance between the two corps.

The Royal Canadian Dragoons were formed in 1883, and have served in three wars—North West Rebellion, 1885, against the Redskins and half-breeds whom Louis Riel had lured into rebellion, South Africa 1900, and France and Flanders 1915-1918. The Royal Canadian Artillery is linked with the Royal Regiment of Artillery, and their uniform and badges are modelled on similar lines.

It was very appropriate that Canada should be represented at the King's funeral procession by officers of the two Dominion regiments of which the late monarch had been Colonel-in-Chief, these Officers being Major J. C. Murchie, R.C.A., and Major M. H. A. Drury, R.C.D.

None of the regiments of the Union of South Africa Defence Forces had King George V. as their Colonel-in-Chief, although H.R.H. the Prince of Wales occupied this position in respect of the Natal Carbiniers, who were made "Royal" in the Jubilee Honours of 1935. Two of the

African units administered by the Colonial Office also had King George V. as Colonel-in-Chief. The Royal West African Frontier Force and The King's African Rifles. The former popularly known as "The Waffs," consists of both infantry and Artillery units, and wears as a badge a gilt Palm Tree on a Mount. Two of the infantry units also bear special badges on their Colours: the 1st and 2nd Bns. of The Gold Coast Regiment having "In each of the four corners a Lion Statant." In the Hauza language and in Arabic characters is inscribed the motto "Always Ready." The Sierre Leone Bn. has the figure of an Elephant in each of the four corners of the Regimental Colour. The Colours of the Nigerian Regiment bear the Arabic inscription "Victory is from God Alone." The war services of the Royal West African Frontier Force date back to the Ashanti Campaign of 1873/74, and during the Great War the Force saw a good deal of fighting in East Africa and the Cameroons.

The King's African Rifles consist of six infantry bns., various signal sections, a Supply and Transport Corps and the Somaliland Camel Corps, but during the Great War the "K.A.R.'s" mustered twenty-two infantry battalions besides auxiliary troops. The regimental crest is "Upon a Mount, a Lion Sejant," and the Battle Honours of the Corps show that it has served in three campaigns "Ashanti 1900," Somaliland 1901/04 and "East Africa 1914/18" as well as innumerable punitive expeditions and minor operations. This is the only corps in the British Empire called a "Rifle" regiment, and yet is permitted to carry Colours.

The Ceylon Defence Force was certainly the most mixed in composition of all Oversea Units hailing the late King as Colonel-in-Chief, for it included Garrison Artillery, Engineers, Signals, Mounted Rifles (one horsed, and one mechanized squadron), Ceylon Light Infantry, Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps, Army Service Corps, Medical Corps, and a Cadet Battalion. Three of these units (Mounted Rifles, Planters Rifle Corps and A.S.C.) are recruited from the European population only, but in the ranks of the other units may be found Europeans, Burghers (born in Ceylon of Dutch descent) East Indians, Tamils, Malays, Sinhalees and other races.

The Royal Malta Artillery of which King George V. was Honorary Colonel, is a Regular

unit, but it is not liable for service outside the colony of Malta, although the regiment once volunteered for service overseas as shown by the Battle Honour "Egypt 1882." Both officers and men are Maltese, and the badges are the Royal

Cypher, and the Maltese Cross. The uniform of the corps (which consists of headquarters and three heavy batteries) has always been modelled on that of the Royal Garrison Artillery.

R. MAURICE HILL.

The following cable was sent to His Majesty, George V., on December 24th, 1935.

Toronto, Ontario,
December 24th, 1935.

The Secretary,
Buckingham Palace,
London, England.

All ranks Royal Canadian Dragoons send warmest Christmas Greetings to His Majesty, their Colonel-in-Chief.

Officer Commanding.

The following cable was received from His Majesty, King George V.

Buckingham Palace,
London, England.

Officer Commanding,
Royal Canadian Dragoons,
Toronto, Ontario.

I sincerely thank all ranks Royal Canadian Dragoons for their kind wishes.

GEORGE R.I. Colonel-in-Chief.

The following cable was sent to the Private Secretary, Sandringham House, Norfolk, Eng.

Jan. 20th, 1936.

Private Secretary,
Sandringham House,
Norfolk, England.

All ranks Royal Canadian Dragoons send heartfelt sympathy to Her Majesty the Queen in the death of their beloved King and Colonel-in-Chief.

Officer Commanding.

The following reply was received:

Government House,
Ottawa.

The Secretary to the Governor-General has the honour, by command of His Excellency, to inform The Royal Canadian Dragoons that their message of sympathy has been duly laid before The King, who desired the Governor-General to cause his thanks and appreciation, and those of the Royal Family to be expressed to all ranks of the Regiment.



Having spent seven weeks on a Signaller's Course (Courtesy Neighbour Baxter), followed closely by a two weeks' festive season, and almost immediately afterwards with three weeks' Troop Training, assisted in turn by six weeks on an N.C.O.'s Course, we are in fine fettle as we prepare this column—Add to this the fact that we spent the last six weeks living with our "sheeps," and it will readily be seen that we are to be excused if our humour is a trifle dry—the Festive Season has gone, and is so far behind us that we cannot bring ourselves to say very much about it—we had a "wunnerful" time, and although we still had a headache when Troop Training "got" us, we came through it all in the pink, and with nothing worse than a glassy look in our eye—six days' complete relaxation (Oh Yeah?) with The Chief helped matters a lot, and we were thus able to face the New Year with a bold front, albeit with a slightly sheepish look—by far the most important event to happen locally in some time, is the Return of Joe (The Squire)—despite many rumours to the effect that he had entered Parliament in England, had Joined the Navy, was a Beefeater, and was held captive in the Tower, "The Squire" returned to Toronto (from Europe) looking very "swell" in a monocle and carrying a "gamp" (this was in addition to his other clothes, of course)—as we had been waiting anxiously for this news scoop we were right on hand as he stepped off the bus—his first words were "By Jove, am I in time for Tea?" and before we had even time to figure this one out, he went on "What's on the Menu? Beans and Cheese? How very quaint. Who's gonna lend me some tools?" and grasping a set off the nearest man he "hit" the Mess Room, with us in close pursuit—after four plates of

beans and 3½ pounds of cheese (Shades of the Bold Albert) we asked him for a statement, as we stood licking our pencil, with the notebook at the "alert"—"Well," says he, "H'england is in fine shape. H'i was glad to be 'ome, but I sure missed the friendly "fices" of me pals. H'im glad to be back. Gorbliney, yer don't say? and Stroikey me Pink," and having delivered himself of this oration, he sang three bars of the Star Spangled Banner, and ended up with a verse of The Maple Leaf—"The Squire" is looking very well although his voice lacks "body"—this may be due to the fact that on landing at New York and being anxious for news of his many friends, he spent his last nickel on a copy of the Week-ENDER, and so went hungry until the bus reached Toronto—while we covered his return very thoroughly, we also asked various notable personages what they had to say with regards to the event—finding Joe W. (1) about to leave for his residence, we told him "Gough's Back," but he merely shrugged his shoulders and said "Why"?—faced with the same question, The Bold Arthur (3) from his sick bed said "Oh is he, where has he been?", while he motioned to the Room Orderly for another bowl of porridge—which is a lot of space to devote to one man in one issue—we followed the Winter Sports at Garmisch-Partenkirchen very closely, thinking that our readers might be interested in some detail, but after wrestling with such items as "In the Galaendesprung, Oddbjorn Hzuenden made a brave showing," and "While their countrymen shouted "Bloemmenfondsattay Hromadka, Zjornotka, and Djyrotka stormed the Canadian goal without result," and having read that Herr Pfnuer won the ski events, we transferred our sporting interest to the Royal Rink,

where we had nothing more difficult than A. B. C. Kennedy and D. E. F. Mann to cope with— incidentally we believe that "Bloemmen, etc." means "Nice work, baby"—anyway, every time we say Pfnuer our moustache tickles our nose and we sneeze (that's how we got to know those other names)!—the Bold Albert (3) is again under the doctor's care—it appears that during a spell of very cold weather, and having his rubbers on, he mistook his foot for a bale of hay and stuck a pitchfork into it, making him immediately unfit to ride—as a result of this misfortune?? he is at present in the Station Hospital, where he divides his time between walking around with a pronounced "Below Zero Limp," and sending urgent SOS's up to the Mess for meals—and speaking of feet—we ventured forth one evening to Harbord Collegiate to witness a Dramatic Contest, and while there the antics of one Algernon Prizzleswitch struck us as being familiar—however, it was not until we saw his feet that we recognized our brother-at-arms "Alice" (2)—"nize tripping" Alice, and hearty congratulations—Our own winter sports programme is concluded, and although we know that this branch of the news is ably handled by our Sporting Editor, we cannot help but make a few comments—2nd Troop, whose last victory at anything was remotely connected with the Battle of Festubert (Paging Tom Duff) came from behind, and after retiring several times during the season, won the indoor baseball scramble—their nearest opponents, 1st Troop put up a brave battle, but didn't turn out in sufficient quantities to win, and anyway, it was always uncertain as to what teams were left in the league—for the above, we offer a hearty slap between the shoulder blades to the "Second to Noners," and add as a P.S. "Well done, Phil"—this last might be a bit of a mystery, so a few words in explanation might be in order—midway through the season, 2nd Troop having only two ball players (not counting Charlie), gracefully dropped through the bottom of the league, and since the League had no Farm Clubs, out of the picture—"Phil," (of leading-in-the-Winnah Fame) hearing of this, and calling upon every ounce of sporting blood which flows in his veins, and which has from time to time been spilled in defence of the honour of 3rd Troop, 1st Troop, "B" Squadron, Walthamstow Alerts, and the Toronto Baseball Club, hurried to the rescue,

and forgetting that it was a half-holiday, he, by a stirring and rousing speech, roused the 2nd Troop to such fury, that offers of assistance came in in droves—with such famous personages as "Moon," "Stony," "Taffy," and even "Egbert" offering to lay down their lives, or at least a portion of their time, for the Glorious No. 2, it was not long before the 2nd Troop had re-entered the picture, and earned a place in the Play-offs—the withdrawal of 3rd Troop midway in the season reminded us of the famous 3rd Troop teams of yester-year, who lost not a game for several years—in the Hockey Hustle, the R.C.R. finally finished ahead of the Drags, and the League was a big success—owing to pressure of business (R.C.S. of C.) we were unable to attend all the games, but we got time off to see the inter-inter-Squadron game, between the "A's" and "B's"—this game was voted the best of the season, even though the favorites lost—we had heard much ado about A. B. C. Kennedy, and his record of eight goals in one game (no, not in one season), and there had been many heated arguments as to the rival merits of A.B.C., and a fast skating officer named Fauquier—in this game, either A.B.C.K. (this goes George one better) was worrying too much about "Tanya," or else Mr. F. had been laying low all season, for to us, Mr. F. certainly took the individual awards—speaking to him in our usual fatherly manner during the 1st period rest, we pleaded passionately for one, or even two goals, and in a sudden burst of generosity he scored three to put the game on ice for "our" side—many fans attended the game, and we noticed "Rube" (1), in the Crystal Studio doing his best to point out the dazzling play of "Ripley" (1) to his consort—and while on the subject of 'ockey (as our friend Joe (3) puts it) we certainly showed the "infanterary" what it is all about—we trembled at the start, as Messrs. Mann, Reid and Kennedy faced off, completely overshadowed by the hefty R.C.R., who loomed over them like Elephants over mice (or should we say rats?) but once the game *was* started, our lighter lads skated circles around their pachydermatous (see Jock Henderson) opponents—in this game A. B. C. Kennedy certainly spotted the glory, while most of the gore went to one Howie of the "infanterary"—we yelled ourselves into exhaustion as the "Kennedy to Mann" clicked several times and came close on numerous

other occasions—the "Infantry," thinking no doubt that the game was to be checkers or "Ludo," turned up with much padding but no hockey sticks, and although we offered to lend them our pipe, and several spectators came forward with offers of umbrellas, they would have none of it, and so a half hour was wasted—that Grand Old Man of Sport "Art" Galloway, who never will grow old (to the intense dissatisfaction of our young trumpeters) played a spectacular game, and if anything is better than ever—"Ripley" (1) held the R.C.R. helpless for almost two minutes when we were two men short, and he was keeping one eye on "Rube" (1) who was again in the Crystal Studio, all the time—another old reliable "Charlie" (2) was on the ice long enough to make the penalty box, while "Alvin" (1) who had had his hair specially treated with a heavier bear grease in order that spectators should not need to put their umbrellas up as he went by: spent most of his time on the bench, probably applying grease to all his mates as he tore at his well groomed hair—a large crowd was on hand, and we collected a heavy bet (one car ticket plus one cent) from "Slim" (R.C.R.) immediately after the game—and now we come to the laudatory items—first and foremost we offer a hearty vote of thanks to the 'ockey team for once again demonstrating that despite a very brief foreign invasion into Kitchener, Home Service is better than Foreign Service—and for keeping the Hockey Cup in its present resting place for yet another year—and we call for some loud and prolonged cheering for "Hughie" (2) who now wears crossed flags on his sleeve, together with some loud clapping for Messrs. "Red", "Fanny," "Neighbour Baxter" and "Shack," who by pulling together, and not looking the other way, earned similar flags for yours truly—congratulations to "Nick" (3) and to "Phil" (2) for "increases in strength"—we wish all kinds of luck to The Scholars, who, after spending the entire Winter wrestling with Algebra, Map Reading and "Lighter English Prose," have ventured forth in search of 1st Class Certificates—as we have always considered ourselves to be a Literary Gent (we never miss an issue of "Hush" or "The Week-ender"), we tackled "Lighter English Prose" when on Piquet one night, and it took the 3rd Relief forty minutes and a bucket of coke to waken us—and we hear from our H.Q.

reporter about a gentleman who, whilst displaying the features of a new bucket, let go the handle and heaved it five stories down to Spadina Avenue, narrowly missing several old ladies who immediately looked up anxiously, and put their umbrellas up (we have umbrellas on the brain)—while the Agony Quartet hum the first few bars of "Where is my Wandering Boy to-night," we bid a sad farewell to "Moon" (2) who has left to seek his fortune on Queen Street—S'Long Moon, and lets hear from you anon—"Chopper" (3) who has been spending some time at London underneath a truck, coming up only for meals, and on pay-days, paid a brief visit to Barracks, during the middle of March—as he came in just as we were going out on a Ride, we were unable to get an interview from him, but we believe he is staying in London in order to learn how to drive—"Little Joe" (of the trumpet like bass), who has really no business in this column, is doing very well, as he has snared himself a job as Groom to a Packard—his many friends will be glad to hear this, and we hope he doesn't waste any time picking its feet out, or using a "water sponge" at each end (same as with a horse)—as the Kitchener Invasion coincided with our duty as S.O.S., we somewhat sceptically handed the reporter's badge to "Joe" (3), urging him to miss nothing—a few days after he returned, he handed in seven sheets of very suspicious looking thin paper, and as we eagerly read the contents we found that about the only thing he was sure of was that the "Drags" opened the scoring—on six different occasions, and twice by the same man, the scoring was "opened," and although we read his account through with great care, we could not find out who the bad lad was who was "closing" the scoring each time it was opened—flitting about from one member of the party to another, we gleaned the following facts—"Bonkus" (1) generously offered a policeman a "quick one" whilst that P.C. was on his beat—"Nick" (3) spent much time going up and down stairs, going up alone (via the back), and coming down with a gentleman in blue (via the front)—some half dozen of the younger generation rushed in with mops and brooms in response to a plea from "Joe" (3) to "Clean the place out," and a general supervision of the needs of the entire party by Charlie Meeker—from various sources of information we learned that the trip

was a great success, and we were sorry we were unable to go—and now, since we have just heard the Pay Call, which is about the only call we can quickly recognize nowadays, we draw to a hasty conclusion—embarrassing question No. 345,129 "Who won the Gold Watch that 1st Troop Raffled?"—we'll be seein' ya in "Yurruup."

J.B.H.

THE FIRST PUBLIC RAILWAY IN THE WORLD

(From *The Grand Surrey Iron Railway*)

The Grand Surrey Iron Railway was constructed 1801-1805, and ran from the Thames at Wandsworth to Merstham near Redhill. The following account from "The Grand Surrey Iron Railway," by F. G. Bing, will interest readers of "The Goat."

It is impossible to pass from the consideration of the historical aspects of the Surrey Iron Railway without making some reference to contemporary comments. Its construction was grandiloquently hailed by writers of the period as "a vast and important concern," and at the time this was no doubt a fairly true description, for nothing equal to it, in the same line had previously been contemplated. On the other hand the remark that "it is not probable that railways will ever come into general use" gives us the attitude of the contemporary pessimist. It is curious also to note that those acquainted with the achievements of this Railway had no fear of comparison with the method of steam traction which was being experimentally tried by Stephenson at about the same time. One champion of the horse traction in use on the Surrey Iron Railway exclaimed "Does anybody in possession of his senses expect that this snorting, spluttering, hideous iron machine, belching forth smoke and steam, can ever accomplish such a draught as is easily undertaken by the horse on the Croydon iron road?"

This brings us to a consideration of the actual possibilities of transport by horse power upon this first public railway. Fortunately there is contemporary record of its amazing feat. It must be borne in mind that the majority of the roads of the period hardly deserved the name. There was no method in use of giving ordinary

roads a permanent or lasting surface. Horses struggled along bad or indifferent roads, and practically all transport was slow and costly. The smooth wheel applied to the smooth rail produced a revolution, both as regards the loads carried and the speed at which they were conveyed. The results appear to have produced a new enthusiasm for the horse, and all who were interested came to witness the wonder of a horse pulling a load many times greater than anything that could be transported upon ordinary roads. This led to curious and interesting wagers, and journeys on the railway became sporting events. One such wager is reported to have been laid at the opening of the Croydon to Merstham extension of the railway, "that a common horse could draw thirty-six tons for six miles along the road, and that he could draw this weight from a dead pull, as well as turn it around the occasional windings of the road." A magazine of the period called "Sporting Anecdotes," thus tells the story:

"A number of gentlemen assembled near Merstham to see this extraordinary triumph of art. Twelve wagons, all loaded with stones, each wagon weighing above three tons, were chained together and a horse taken promiscuously from the timber-cart of Mr. Harwood was yoked into the team. He started from the Fox public-house, and drew the immense chain of wagons with apparent ease to near the turnpike at Croydon, a distance of six miles, in one hour and forty-nine minutes, which is nearly at the rate of four miles an hour. In the course of this time, he stopped four times to show that it was not by the impetus of the descent that the power was required and after each stoppage he drew off the chain of wagons from a dead rest. Having gained his wager, Mr. Banks, the gentleman who had laid the bet, directed four more loaded wagons be added to the cavalcade, with which the same horse again set off with undiminished power. And still further to show the effect of the railway in facilitating motion, he directed the attending workmen, to the number of about forty, to mount on to the wagons, and the horse proceeded without the least distress; and in truth there appeared to be scarcely any limitation to the power of his draught. After the trial, the wagons were taken to the weighing machine, and it appeared that the total weight was as follows:

	Tons	Cwt.	Qrs.
Twelve wagons linked together.	38	4	2
Four ditto afterwards attached.	13	2	0
Supposed weight of fifty men...	4	0	0
	55	6	2

In spite of all this, the end was even then in view. The experimental iron-horse, with steam as its motive power, was being rapidly developed and perfected, and destined to drive the living horse from the iron road. Comparatively soon the complete superiority of purely mechanical transport was demonstrated and railways of the modern type came into existence. Many minor railways, canals and similar properties were taken over and absorbed by the new railway companies. Frequently this was made compulsory by Act of Parliament, and the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway, by their Act of 1837, were compelled to buy up the Croydon Merstham and Godstone line.

EXTRACTS FROM DAILY ORDERS PART II.

No. 174 dated 5-11-36.

EXTRACT FROM A.P. & R. CANADIAN MILITIA.
AND R.C.A.F., dated 12-10-35.

No. 23.
R.C.D.

Lieut. D. A. R. Bradshaw resigns his commission on appointment to R.C.A.F. (Permanent), 12th June, 1935.

No. 200 dated 27-12-35.

No. 1542 Tpr. G. W. Patterson. "B"
To draw six years' higher rate of pay, with effect 13-12-35.

No. 202 dated 31-12-35.

No. 1612 Tpr. T. L. Hobbs. "B"
Having completed his period of engagement, is struck off strength, with effect 31-12-35.
Character on discharge: "Very Good."
Address on discharge: 284 Harvie Ave., Toronto, Ont.

No. 1 dated 6-1-36.

No. 1644 Tpr. Albert Bernard Coulis.
Having been attested for a period of three years, is taken on strength, with effect 2-1-36, and is posted to "B" Squadron R.C.D., with effect the same date.

No. 2 dated 7-1-36.

Lieut. & Bvt. Captain W. E. Gillespie. "B"
Having proceeded to Camp Borden, Ontario, for instruction to be shown as on command, with effect 0900 hrs., 6-1-36.

No. 7 dated 14-1-36.

The undermentioned having qualified as Signallers, to draw additional pay as under the provisions of Art. 48. P. & A. Regs. 1927. with effect 12-12-35.

No. 1507 Corpl. J. B. Harrison. "B"
No. 1605 Tpr. H. G. Walton. "B"

No. 8 dated 15-1-36.

The undermentioned officers are detailed for duty as stated:
The Royal Canadian Dragoons: Lieutenant and Brevet Captain W. E. Gillespie, as Adjutant, with effect from 5th December, 1935, *vice* Captain S. C. Bate, who vacates the appointment and is posted for duty to "B" Squadron, with effect from the 4th December, 1935.

No. 13 dated 23-1-36.

No. 677 Tpt. Maj. A. E. Galloway. R.H.Q.
Having proceeded to St. Johns, Que., on instructional duty (Trumpeters), to be shown as on command, with effect 2300 hrs., 22-1-36.

No. 14 dated 24-1-36.

No. 1472 Sergt. F. L. Nickle. "B"
To draw higher rate of pay, three years in rank, with effect 24-1-36.

No. 15 dated 27-1-36.

No. 1525 L/Cpl. W. A. Knights. "B"
Having proceeded to London, Ontario, on a course of instruction, to be shown as on command, with effect 1330 hrs., 26-1-36.

No. 19 dated 3-2-36.

Lt. & Bvt. Capt. W. E. Gillespie. R.H.Q.
Having returned from course of instruction, Camp Borden, Ontario, ceases to be shown as on command, with effect 1830 hrs., 1-2-36.

No. 20 dated 4-2-36.

No. 1613 Tpr. J. E. Shacklady. "B"
Re-engaged for a further period of three years, with effect 4-2-36.
No. 1613 Tpr. J. E. Shacklady. "B"
To draw higher rate of pay, three years in rank, with effect 4-2-36.

No. 23 dated 10-2-36.

No. 1403 L/Corpl. W. T. Morgan. "B"
Re-engaged for a further period of three years, with effect 7-2-36.
No. 1403. L/Corpl. W. T. Morgan. "B"
Entitled to wear three Good Conduct Badges, with effect 7-2-36.

No. 24 dated 11-2-36.

No. 783 A/Sergt. Instr. F. A. Green. "I.C."
Confirmed in rank of Sergeant Instructor, with effect 1-1-36.
No. 929 A/Sergt. D. K. Hendry. "B"
Confirmed in rank of Sergeant with pay, *vice* No. 783, Sgt. Instr. F. A. Green, with effect 1-1-36.
No. 1507 Corpl. (O.R.C.) J. B. Harrison. "B"
Relinquishes the appointment of Orderly Room Clerk on return to duty as Corporal, with pay, with effect this date. Seniority to be shown as from 12th May, 1933.

No. 25 dated 13-2-36.

No. 1501 Tpr. A/Cpl. G. Morgan. "B"
Re-engaged for a further period of three years, with effect 12-2-36.

No. 26 dated 15-2-36.

EXTRACT FROM A.P. & R. No. 1, dated 5-2-36.

Captain and Brevet Major H. Stethem, R.C.D. (Secd.) is granted the temporary rank of Major whilst employed as Administrative Officer at the Royal Military College of Canada, 5th Spet., 1935.

No. 27 dated 18-2-36.

No. 1502 Sig. Corpl. F. R. Parker. "B"

Having proceeded to Dundas, Ontario, on instructional duty, Provisional School V/T, to be shown as on command, with effect 1330 hrs., 17-2-36.

No. 30 dated 22-2-35.

No. 587 Corpl. E. Webb. "B"

Date of seniority (Corporals) to be shown as 1-12-32.

No. 1640 Tpr. R. Hopson. "B"

In possession of equivalent to 2nd Class Army Certificate of Education.

No. 32 dated 26-2-36.

No. 27 Tpr. W. C. Hare. "B"

Promoted to rank of Corporal (O.R.C.) with pay, effective 26-2-36, whilst employed as Orderly Room Clerk, "B" Squadron R.C.D. (To complete establishment).

No. 839 Sergt. W. Jewkes. "A"

Confirmed in rank of Sergeant, with pay, with effect 1-1-36

No. 34 dated 28-2-36.

EXTRACT FROM MILITIA ORDERS, dated 19-2-36.

WARRANT RANK.

The Minister of National Defence has been pleased to make the following appointment by Warrant Class I.

The Royal Canadian Dragoons: (Instructional Cadre)—To be Sergeant Major Instructor; Quarter-Master Sergeant Instructor James MacLean, M.M., with effect from 1st January, 1936.

No. 38 dated 7-3-36.

No. 652 Sergt. R. Blake "A"

Appointed to the Instructional Cadre (Cavalry) *vice* No. 238 Sergt. J. Langley, R.C.D., returned to duty, with effect 1-2-36.

No. 1621 Boy W. A. Boydell. "B"

Having purchased his discharge, is struck off strength, with effect 7-3-36.

Character on Discharge: "Good."

Address on discharge: 15 Alexander Street, St. Catharines, Ont.

No. 1641 Tpr. L. R. Moore. "B"

In possession of equivalent to 2nd Class Army Certificate of Education.

No. 39 dated 9-3-36.

No. 677 Tpt. Maj. A. E. Galloway. R.H.Q.

Having returned from instructional duty St. Johns, Que., ceases to be shown as on command, with effect 2130 hrs., 7-3-36.

No. 40 dated 10-3-36.

No. 1605 Tpr. H. G. Walton. "B"

Entitled to wear two (2) Good Conduct Badges, with effect 9-3-36.

No. 188 dated 13-12-35.

No. 840 Tpr. V. S. B. Dawkes, M.M. "A"

Granted the following Good Conduct Badges from dates as shown below.

1st G.C.B. 23-4-23.

2nd G.C.B. 19-2-25.

3rd G.C.B. 19-2-32.

No. 192 dated 18-12-35.

No. 916 Cpl. (O.R.C.) J. F. Watson. "A"

Appointed Acting Sergeant (unpaid), with effect 17-12-35.

No. 194 dated 24-12-35.

No. 640 Sergt. R. J. Hider. "A"

Exempted from further Educational qualifications, with effect 28-12-35.

No. 1069 L/Cpl. R. I. Gallup. "A"

Qualified in the following subjects at the examinations held on October 14th, 1935, in connection with the Army First Class Certificate of Education: English, Mathematics and Geography.

No. 195 dated 28-12-35.

No. 1562 Tpr. J. Madden. "A"

Having completed his period of engagement, is struck off strength, with effect 29-12-35.

Character on discharge: "Very Good."

Address on discharge: 14 Quarry Street, Filins Park, Rockdale, Lancs., England.

No. 5 dated 13-1-36.

No. 1041 L/Cpl. B. de Lesleue. "A"

Regained 1st Good Conduct Badge, with effect 12-1-36.

No. 9 dated 21-1-36.

No. 964 Tpr. S. A. Carter. "A"

Re-engaged for a further period of three years, with effect 20-1-36.

No. 10 dated 23-1-36.

EXTRACT FROM GENERAL ORDERS No. 6 1936.

CANADIAN MEDAL FOR LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT (MILITARY).

The undermentioned is awarded the Canadian Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct (Military) under the provisions of the Royal Warrant dated 23rd Sept., 1930, and General Order No. 1 of 1932.

A/SSML (W.O.11) F. W. Harding. R.C.D.

No. 11 dated 25-1-36.

No. 1405 Tpr. W. H. Campbell. "A"

Re-engaged for a further period of three years with effect 24-1-35.

No. 13 dated 31-1-36.

No. 1084 Tpr. A. F. White. "A"

Awarded 1st Good Conduct Badge, with effect 16-10-35.

No. 16 dated 4-2-36.

No. 1015 Tpr. P. Sephton. "A"

Re-engaged for a further period of three years, with effect 3-2-36.

No. 1015 Tpr. P. Sephton. "A"

To draw higher rate of pay, six years in rank with effect 3-2-36.

No. 20 dated 10-2-36.

No. 1085 Tpr. M. Bessette.

"A"

Having been discharged under the provisions of K.R.Can. 386 (i), is struck off strength, with effect 8-2-36.

Character on discharge: "Fair."

Address on discharge: 209 Richelieu St., St. Johns, P.Q.

No. 22 dated 14-2-36.

No. 994 Tpr. J. M. MacLean.

"A"

Re-engaged for a further period of three years, with effect 13-2-36.

To draw higher rate of pay, six years in rank, with effect 13-2-36.

No. 25 dated 19-2-36.

No. 1110 Tpr. Joffre Vachon.

Having been attested for a period of three years, is taken on strength, with effect 17-2-36.

No. 28 dated 25-2-35.

No. 221 QMSL (W.O. 11) J. M. Hallett.

"I.C."

To draw higher rate of pay, six years in rank, with effect 24-2-36.

No. 29 dated 27-2-36.

No. 968 Tpr. P. D. DuBerger.

"A"

Re-engaged for a further period of three years, with effect 26-2-36.

No. 31 dated 29-2-36.

No. 1085 Tpr. G. R. Benskin.

"A"

Having been discharged under the provisions of K.R.Can. 386 (14) (b), is struck off strength with effect 29-2-36.

Character: "Good."

Address: Sabrevois, P.Q.

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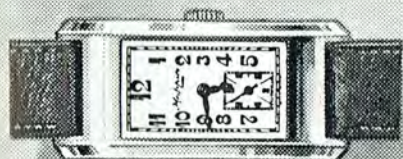
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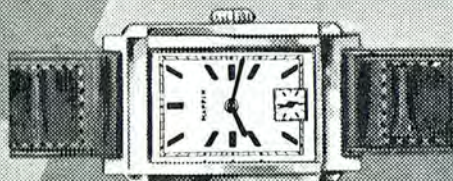
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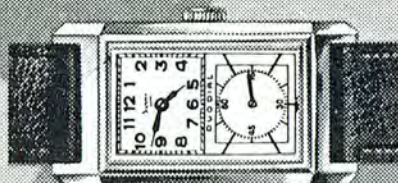
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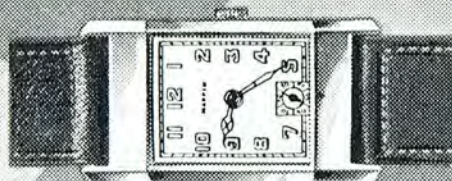
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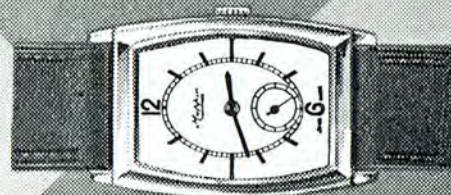
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